

Dated this 27 days of August, 2020.



BY THE COURT:

Brad D. Schimel
Waukesha County Circuit Court – Branch #6

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

WAUKESHA COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR ALL CASES ASSIGNED TO
JUDGE BRAD D. SCHIMEL
BRANCH #6

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: Effective September 8, 2020, Branch 6 will resume in-person hearings for all persons in all cases, with the exception of defendants who are in custody in institutions in other counties. Otherwise, any request for counsel, client, witness or other participant in the hearing to appear remotely by telephone will require prior approval from the court and will require a good cause basis to support the request. Requests for telephone appearance must be submitted at least 2 business days prior to the hearing. The Court will no longer routinely utilize Zoom videoconferencing for hearings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Pursuant to the May 22, 2020, Order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, all persons in the courtroom must wear face coverings during in-person hearings. The Supreme Court did not address exceptions for persons with disabilities or medical conditions. This Court considers that an oversight, and concludes that a rule without those exceptions is not lawful, so Branch 6 will permit exceptions to the face covering requirement for persons with disabilities or medical conditions that result in adverse health consequences caused by the wearing of face coverings. Parties with such conditions should please notify the Court's bailiff upon entering the courtroom of the condition so that the Court may be made aware of the concern. It is not necessary that the individual identify the specific medical condition or disability to the bailiff, as the Court seeks to protect the privacy of the person's health or disability information as much as is possible.

The courtroom in C162 is a COVID-19 safe environment which is fully outfitted with Plexiglas barriers between rows of benches in the gallery, between the seating positions at each counsel table and between each individual juror seating position. Branch 6 will continue to limit the number of cases set during each time interval to limit the number of persons present in the courtroom at any given time, and the Court will monitor and enforce social distancing for people who are not members of the same household.